

## BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NURSING

### Education Policy 05-01

<b>Title</b>	Clarification of the term “Institutional Accreditation” defined in 244 CMR 6.01, <i>Definitions</i> , and its use in 244 CMR 6.04, <i>Standards for Nursing Education Program Approval</i>
<b>Purpose</b>	The Board of Registration in Nursing (Board) adopts Education Policy 05-01 to clarify the term “Institutional Accreditation” defined at 244 CMR 6.01 and its application in 244 CMR 6.04, <i>Standards for Nursing Education Program Approval</i> , to the qualifications required of nursing education program administrators and faculty appointed under 244 CMR 6.04 (2).
<b>Date Adopted</b>	August 10, 2005
<b>Policy</b>	<p>The term “Institutional Accreditation” defined in 244 CMR 6.01, <i>Definitions</i>, and used in 244 CMR 6.04, <i>Standards for Nursing Education Program Approval</i>, means the formal recognition or acceptance of the parent institution by a regional or professional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or both.</p> <p>With respect to <u>hospital-based nursing education programs</u>, the term “Institutional Accreditation” means the formal recognition or acceptance of the parent institution by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.</p> <p>With respect to program <u>administrator qualifications</u> required for nursing education program approval under 244 CMR 6.04 (2) (a) 2., a program administrator shall possess an earned masters degree in nursing awarded by a college or university that holds institutional accreditation or an earned entry level doctorate in nursing awarded by a college or university that holds institutional accreditation.</p> <p>With respect to <u>faculty qualifications</u> required for nursing education program approval under 244 CMR 6.04 (2) (b) 2., a <u>program instructor</u> shall possess an earned baccalaureate degree in nursing awarded by a college or university that holds institutional accreditation, or an earned masters degree in nursing awarded by a college or university that holds institutional accreditation, for appointment to the faculty of a <u>Practical Nursing</u> program.</p>

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With respect to faculty qualifications required for nursing education program approval under 244 CMR 6.04 (2) (b) 3., a program instructor teaching either the theoretical or clinical component of a nursing course shall possess an earned masters degree in nursing awarded by a college or university that holds institutional accreditation, or possess an earned doctorate in nursing awarded by a college or university that holds institutional accreditation, for appointment to the faculty of a Registered Nursing program.

With respect to a waiver of the faculty qualifications required under 244 CMR 6.04 (2) (b) 3., the following applies:

Waiver Option 1:

The prospective instructor possesses an earned baccalaureate degree in nursing awarded by a college or university that holds institutional accreditation and is matriculated in a graduate nursing program that holds institutional accreditation with an expected graduation date within five years of the date the Board grants such a waiver, and is otherwise qualified in accordance with 244 CMR 6.04 (2) (b) 4.

Waiver Option 2:

The prospective instructor possesses an earned baccalaureate degree in nursing awarded by a college or university that holds institutional accreditation and a related non-nursing degree awarded by a college or university that holds institutional accreditation, and is otherwise qualified in accordance with 244 CMR 6.04 (2) (b) 4.

Waiver Option 3:

The prospective instructor possesses an earned baccalaureate degree in nursing awarded by a college or university that holds institutional accreditation and possesses a minimum of five years full-time experience or its equivalent within the last eight years, and evidence of competence in the area of clinical instruction.

A waiver granted under Waiver Option 3 shall begin on the date the Board grants the waiver and shall expire at the conclusion of the fourth year of employment with the same appointing institution. Upon matriculation in a graduate nursing program at a college or university that holds institutional accreditation, the Board shall extend such a waiver until the date of the instructor's graduation. Such an extension shall not exceed five years from the date of matriculation in such graduate nursing program.